

2013 Idaho Court Interpreter Training & Testing Schedule

[Click here](#) for the 2013 schedule of court interpreter training and testing. The workshops are sponsored by the Idaho Supreme Court.

Please note that the registration deadline to register for the Orientation Workshop and/or Written Screening Exam is April 5, 2013.

All court interpreters and those interested in court interpretation are strongly encouraged to pursue certification by attending the orientation workshop, taking the written screening exam, and taking the certification exam. If an individual speaks a language for which there currently is no certification exam, it is strongly recommended that the individual attend the orientation workshop, the skill-building workshop and take the written screening exam.

During the past few years Idaho has experienced an increase in minority groups; as such during the year 2012 more than 40 languages were spoken in courtrooms around the state. The Mission of the Idaho Courts is to “provide access to justice through the timely, fair, and impartial resolution of cases.” Language services provided by interpreters are not only an essential component of fulfilling this mission, but a legal requirement for the courts. The need for interpreters continues to increase and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the interpreting profession is projected to increase a 22 percent in the 2008-18 decade, a rate much faster than any other professions.

As part of our continuing effort to meet the need for interpreters within the court, the Idaho Supreme Court Interpreter Training and Certification Program, will offer the two-day Orientation Workshop in two locations: April 19 and 20 in Boise and April 26 and 27, 2013 in Pocatello. Participants can choose which location they’d like to attend. The program will be open to all languages and all interested in learning more about this exciting profession are encourage to attend.

Our schedule and the registration form for the Mandatory Orientation Workshop and Written Screening Exam is attached. Please contact [our](#) office with any questions at (208) 947-7417, or kwoods@idcourts.net. You may also obtain information about the program via the Idaho Supreme Court’s website located

at <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/court-interpreter/certification-training>

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